



2015

MIDLAND PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT ADULT SUMMER BEACH VOLLEYBALL RULES

Eligibility

1. Any player under the age of 18 years shall be required to present their parents' or guardians' written permission before they are eligible to play.

Leagues

1. Leagues will be determined by Parks and Recreation (P&R) Staff using preference data supplied by the managers.
2. The P&R office will schedule all leagues and will have the final authority thereon.
3. League winners shall be determined by the season total points record. A point will be given for each game a team wins. Each match will consist of three games to 21. In the event of a tie, co-champs will be crowned.
4. League winning teams including co-champs will be awarded t-shirts.

Fees

1. Determined by the Parks and Recreation Department

Contract Requirements

1. A player's signature on the team's roster with the player's membership fee must be on file with the Department of Parks and Recreation before a player is eligible to play.
2. If a team utilizes a player that is not eligible, the team will forfeit the game(s) in question.

Player Conduct

1. If a player is ejected from a game, he shall be suspended for a minimum of one league match.

Protests

1. If a disagreement cannot be resolved, the court monitor will note the necessary protest information on back of score card then resume play.
2. Team managers must file a written protest with staff at the Parks and Recreation office within 24 hours of the game and it must be accompanied with a \$10.00 deposit. Such fee shall be refundable if the protest committee determines there was substantial basis in fact for the protest. Protests must cover interpretations of the rules or similar mistakes. Judgment plays are not subject to protest.

Game Times and Forfeits

1. Match play is to start on its scheduled starting time. Forfeit time is game time. Games will only be rescheduled in the case of inclement weather.

Postponements

1. No games shall be postponed except in case of inclement weather. Games postponed due to inclement weather may be rescheduled within the sole discretion of the Recreation Manager. No decision will be made until 4:00 p.m.

Inclement Weather

1. In the event of lightning, all matches will be suspended 30 minutes. If lightning continues, all matches will be cancelled and rescheduled.
2. The Parks and Recreation office will notify beach volleyball participants about all cancellations via www.rainoutline.com.

Referees

1. In recreation leagues, teams will officiate their own matches. A court monitor will be provided. He/she will be responsible for getting the matches started, collecting results and assisting in the operation of the matches.
2. If teams have a disagreement on a call that can not be settled, it shall be a replay.
3. In competitive leagues, the referee will officiate the matches.

Equipment

1. All equipment will be supplied by the Midland Parks and Recreation Department.

Rules

1. State Volleyball Association rules shall govern all games except:
 - a) Coed rosters shall consist of 6-12 players, 4 on 4 rosters shall consist of 4-8 players, and 2 on 2 rosters shall consist of 2-4 players.
 - b) All extra players must be rotated in at the serve position
 - c) Team listed first is the home team, home team serves first in first game, visiting team serves first in second game, visiting team has choice of serve or side in third game.
 - d) All matches will be three games, rally scoring. All three games will be played to 21 points, must win by two points.
2. The service may be made from any point behind the end line between the imaginary extensions of the two side boundary lines. The server may be over the court at the time the ball is contacted for service provided the last contact with the playing surface was behind the end line.
 - a) The ball must be struck cleanly for service.
 - b) During the service effort, stepping on the rope or causing the rope to move before the ball has been contacted for the service is a foot fault.
 - c) Each player must serve in turn in accordance with the service order established during the first round of serves. If a player is found to be serving out of order, the correct order of serve is to be reinstated without loss of points or other penalty.
 - d) It is the responsibility of the server to assure that his team and the opposing team is ready for service. A receiving player may stop play if not ready for service provided no attempt has been made by the player to play the ball and in the referee's judgment; such action has not been done repeatedly or as an attempt to gain an advantage. (Note: if a player makes an attempt to play the ball, the player is assumed to have been ready)
 - e) You may cross the center line providing you do not interfere with the opponent's ability to play the ball.
 - f) Players will officiate their own matches in recreational leagues. If a dispute is not settled by the two teams, the point will be replayed.
 - g) Net serves shall be allowed, play will continue provided net contact is entirely within the net antennas.
 - h) A player may contact the ball with any part of the body.
3. Special Coed Rules (6 Person)

- a) All match play will follow the official coed rule requiring 3 male players and 3 female players alternately on the court. A team will forfeit if it does not have a minimum of 2 men and 2 women. You may not have more men than women on the court at any time.
- b) Net height shall be eight feet (8').
- c) When the ball is played more than once by a team, at least one of the contacts shall be made by a female player.
- d) When only one male player is in the front line at service, one male back line player may be forward of the attack line for the purpose of blocking.

4. Special Coed Rules (4 Person)

- a) When the ball is played more than once by a team, at least one of the contacts shall be made by a female player.
- b) All match play will follow the official coed rule requiring 2 male players and 2 female players positioned alternately on the court to begin the game. Once the game has started and the serving order has been established, the serving order must be maintained throughout the game. A team will forfeit if it does not have a minimum of 1 male and 1 female. You may not have more males than females on the court at any time.

5. Special 2 on 2 and 4 on 4 rules.

- a) There will be no open-handed tips.
- b) Setting the ball over the net is illegal for all leagues except the following:
 - 4-Woman Tuesday Recreational
 - 4-Player Wednesday Competitive (B)
 - 6-Player Wednesday Recreational (A)
 - 6-Player Wednesday Recreational (B)
 - 4-Player Thursday Recreational
 - 6-Player Thursday Competitive
 - 6-Player Thursday Recreational
- c) Beach digs are legal on hard driven hits.
- d) Players may be positioned anywhere within their court at service, but must be in the same serve rotation.

Managers

- 1. Managers will be responsible to and for his team in the volleyball program.

Situations Not Covered

- 1. All situations not covered by the above rules shall be decided by the Parks and Recreation office.